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Embassy guards to deal with terrorism

Kathleen T. Rhem
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — International terrorism is forcing the U.S. State Department to put more emphasis on how it secures its overseas facilities and, in turn, causing the Department of Defense to re-evaluate how it trains Marine embassy guards.

In testimony Thursday before the House Armed Services Committee's Special Oversight Panel on Terrorism, a senior State Department official explained how changes in the world are affecting U.S. missions outside the U.S.

In the past, threats were more regional, with terrorism risks being more country-specific or based on local politics, said Ray Williams, deputy assistant sec-

retary of state for Countermeasures and Information Security. The State Department put considerable resources into improving physical security at such "high-threat" posts as Beirut, Lebanon, and Bogota, Colombia, he said.

"Transnational terrorism, which we're now seeing, reverses the entire matrix," Williams told the panel members. "Now, Calgary to Cairo, it's a level playing field." He said about 4,000 "significant threats" are made each year against American missions abroad.

United States Marines provide internal security at most overseas State Department posts. The shift in the threat to American assets overseas has forced them to shift their focus as well.

"The Marine Corps does recognize that U.S. embassies have and will be

again the target of terrorist attacks," Marine Brig. Gen. Douglas O'Dell told the panel. Brig. Gen. O'Dell commands the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

A month and a half after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks on the United States, the Marine Corps reactivated O'Dell's unit as an anti-terrorism unit and made the Marine Security Guard Battalion a major subordinate element to the 4th MEB.

"In doing so, the Marine Corps fully affirmed that Marine security guards are on the front line of the war on terrorism every day," O'Dell said. He said the new unit's focus is to instill in the Marine guards that their sites may be targeted by terrorists "no matter how remote or how benign its locale."

Marines are one of four security layers

protecting U.S. State Department overseas missions. Host-country security elements help identify threats and secure embassy compound perimeters, while local national guards control access by screening vehicles and visitors, Williams explained.

In recent years, the State Department has added surveillance-detection teams as an additional layer of security. Williams said the plainclothes State Department teams work unobtrusively beyond the walls of the embassy. He said they're charged to detect "pre-operational surveillance" directed at American personnel and facilities.

Marine security guards form the innermost ring of security, Williams said.

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Lance Cpl. Michael McGregor, a scout with Headquarters Battery, 1/12, and Sailors from the USS Frederick stand on the gunwale prior to the decommissioning.

USS Frederick is decommissioned

Story and Photos by
Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero
Combat Correspondent

Sixty years after the first U.S. Navy Tank Landing Ship was commissioned in 1942, the last of the class — the USS Frederick — was decommissioned before more than 200 Marines, Sailors, family members and guests of honor, at the Naval Station Pearl Harbor shipyard Saturday.

Tank Landing Ship Frederick was built in 1968 and was officially commissioned on April 11, 1970, at Long Beach Naval Shipyard, Calif.

In its long and illustrious history, the Frederick made more than 13 major deployments to the western Pacific and Far East.

It participated in the Vietnam withdrawal op-

eration in 1970, the South Vietnam refugee evacuation of 1974, and deployed in support of Operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm. It also conducted humanitarian assistance to Bangladesh during Operation Sea Angel, and in 1994, deployed to Somalia in support of Operation Restore Hope.

"I am honored, proud and privileged to have served onboard this fine historic vessel," said Navy Lt. Rolando Salvatierra, combat information center officer with the now decommissioned vessel.

In January 1995, the vessel transferred to the Naval Reserve Forces and then changed home ports to arrive at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, in November of the same year.

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Ugly Angels return home to Oahu

Cpl. Jason E. Miller
Combat Correspondent

Early on Saturday morning, 170 Marines from Heavy Marine Helicopter Squadron 463 boarded a Continental 737, en route to Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Japan, where they will trade out with Marines from HMH-362 to begin their seven-month deployment.

The HMH-463 Flying Pegasus Marines departed as only the third air wing unit to deploy to Iwakuni since base units began making deployments there just over one year ago.

"We're going off to do what Marines do," said Lt. Col Scott Kerchner, commanding officer of HMH-463. "We are going to go train in some far off places and enjoy the feeling of being forward deployed in case we're called to action for a real-world situation."

Adding to the excitement of the unit's first deployment is the fact that more than 50 new Marines recently arrived in the squadron within the last three months.

"The Marines from HMH-362 really paved the path for us," Kerchner said. "We're really excited about the adventures that lie ahead. Who knows what the future could hold. We definitely anticipate some training in other countries before we return."

While deployed, the Pegasus Marines will take over operations of several CH-53D Sea Stallion helicopters based at Iwakuni Air Station.

The unit departed on a civilian jet, which was contracted to make the flight to Japan and return with Marines from HMH-362.

Continental pilot Charlie Patak was formerly a Navy pilot and has one son who currently flies AV-8B Harrier jets for the Marine Corps.

"I volunteered to fly this mis-



Cpl. Jason E. Miller

Ugly Angel Marines from HMH-362 climb off a Continental Airlines jet that landed aboard MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, Sunday after a seven-month deployment to Iwakuni, Japan.

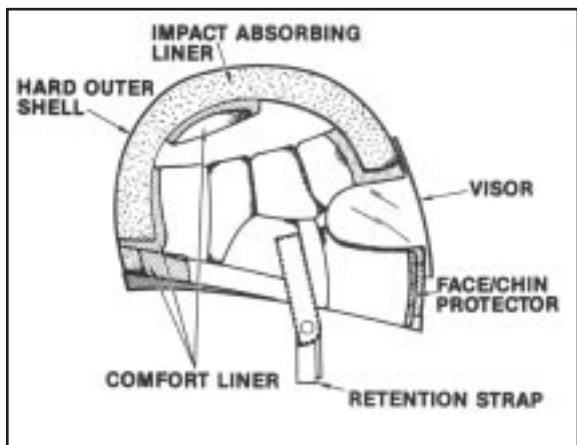
sion," said Patak. "I lived this life for quite a while, so it's really nice when I have a chance to give something back. I jump at the chance to help out."

The HMH-362 Marines returned to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, early

on Sunday, aboard the same jet, after completing their seven-month deployment that included many training missions in several countries. Emotions ran high as family members welcomed back their previously deployed loved ones.

Fake motorcycle helmets can pose grave danger for bikers

An approved helmet has a hard outer shell, an impact-absorbing liner, a soft comfort liner, and a sturdy retention strap. Without at least these four items, a helmet is little more than useless.



Graphic by Motorcycle Safety Foundation

Sgt. Robert Carlson
Press Chief

Graduates of MCB Hawaii's Motorcycle Rider Course know that the words "motorcycle" and "safety" are difficult to incorporate into the same sentence. Riding in the open air, on only two wheels, and without seatbelts and other protection provided by

most four-wheeled vehicles, is an inherently dangerous activity.

Dan Martyniuk runs the course through the Base Safety Center and teaches students to manage the risks associated with motorcycling, in order to avoid accidents and minimize injuries.

The most important thing a rider can do, apart from taking a rider

safety course *before* hitting the roads, is to wear an approved helmet.

Informed riders wear a helmet every time they ride. They also wear other vital safety gear like over-the-ankle footwear, long pants, long-sleeved shirts, face and eye protection, and gloves. A helmet, though, is the single most important piece of

gear riders can count on to shield their head from the hard pavement.

New rules spelled out in the MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Regulations order, (Base Order 5100.22) specify riders *must* wear a properly fastened, protective helmet that meets the standards of the Snell

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MCBH NEWS BRIEFS

REMINDER EXTENDED

According to Marine Corps uniform regulations (MCO 1020.34F), Marines are required to wear their covers while driving privately owned vehicles and government owned vehicles.

This notice serves as a friendly reminder that unless you are driving a convertible or wearing a cover that impedes your vision due to height impediments in the vehicle, you are required to wear the full uniform of the day while driving or riding in a vehicle at MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay and Camp H.M. Smith.

EOD RECRUITS

Explosive Ordnance Disposal is actively seeking qualified volunteers in the ranks of corporal and sergeant for lateral move into the 2336 military occupational specialty.

Interested Marines should first contact their career planner for a checklist of prerequisites and requirements. Devil dogs from any MOS are eligible to apply.

For more information about EOD, call 257-7112. Or, stop by Bldg. 605, which is across from the flightline.

JWC HOSTS CONFERENCE AT K-BAY, OCT. 18 - 19

Choose from more than 50 dynamic workshops covering topics such as health and career enhancement, when you register to attend the 8th Annual Joint Women’s Conference, Oct. 18 - 19 at the MCB Hawaii Officers Club. The event will feature innovative and powerful information for women associated with the military lifestyle.

Speakers include award-winning chef Sam Choy, who will demonstrate locally flavored gourmet cuisine at the Oct. 18 workshop, from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m. Also, syndicated columnist Heloise of “Hints from Heloise” fame will speak about her life as a military child during the Oct. 19 workshop from 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The cost is \$25 for both days or \$15 for Friday or Saturday only. The full fee includes the workshops, two continental breakfasts, two lunches and tote bags.

Seating is limited to 500, and forms can be picked up at military exchanges, commissaries, support centers, thrift shops and chapels. Call 254-6198 for more details.

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CG’s MAIL BOX

“I heard ... that a new post office will be going in ...”



BRIG. GEN. MCABEE

Submitted by Former Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Richard J. Sanderson

“I heard through the grapevine that a new post office will be going in where the wooden castle playground is now, next to McDonalds.

Let me say that it is very disappointing for me to hear that.

As one of the many Marines who helped, along with others, to build it during an intense five-day period, I have a personal attachment to it — accompanied by a sense of community pride and accomplishment.

It was December 1997, almost five years ago that I left Hawaii and the Marine Corps (on a voluntary separation with an honorable discharge). I confess that I don’t know the current condition of the equipment, but I know that we built it with pressure-treated lumber and man-made decking materials.

I would be surprised if it has fallen into disrepair so soon after completion.

If dependent children on base have damaged it with graffiti, then I would have to ask why their parents haven’t disciplined them?

You must have your reasons for choosing that site over others. I just hope that “location, location, location” wasn’t the dominant criteria with little regard to other factors.

In the end, you will do what is best for the current community living aboard Kaneohe Bay.

I am only one voice, but I thought you should hear my two cents from the perspective of someone who has ‘been there and done that.’”

Semper Fi.

Respectfully,
Richard J. Sanderson
Former Marine staff sergeant

Mr. Sanderson:

I have been asked by the commanding general to respond to your email of Sept. 14, as your concern falls within my staff responsibilities. He appreciates that you’ve taken the time to participate in the “CG Mail” program.

We are grateful for your efforts in

the construction of the super-playground. You and your fellow volunteers did a tremendous job in establishing a world-class amenity that our families have enjoyed over the years.

The super-playground continues to be used by many children aboard MCB Hawaii, and has significantly enhanced the quality of life here.

The rumors you have heard about the post office being situated at the current super-playground location are true; however, we are pursuing a replacement super-playground because we recognize its benefit to our families.

After careful consideration, we have decided to locate the new super-playground near the Risely ball fields.

Its expected completion date is during the January 2003 timeframe.

Again, thank you for taking the time to express your concern via the CG Mail Program.

Mr. Kent Murata
Assistant Chief of Staff G-4

(Editor’s Note: Letters of any length may be trimmed and edited in the interest of good taste and brevity.)

The commanding general invites input from the base community via C.G. Mail on the following topics: What are we doing that we shouldn’t be doing? What are we not doing that we should be doing? What are we doing that we should be doing better?

Responses should include a recommendation that will help solve the problem and must include your name and return address so that staff may respond.

For more information about how to send C.G. Mail, see the MCB Hawaii C.G. Mail page at www.mcbh.usmc.mil/command/cgmail.htm.

Spanish storytime



Sgt. Alexis R. Mulero

In recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month, Pfc. Bernabe Hernandez, a fiscal clerk with Supply Co., Marine Corps Air Facility, reads in Spanish and English to MCB Hawaii, Kaneohe Bay, keiki during the Base Library’s Storytime on Tuesday.

Local CFC campaigns get underway

Coast Guard Lieutenant Michael Munnerlyn
Coast Guard Public Affairs

HONOLULU — This year’s Combined Federal Campaign fund drive for the Hawaii-Pacific area — with the theme “Standing Together as One” — began Monday and will be underway through Nov. 15.

The CFC began in 1961 by Presidential Executive Order, to consolidate numerous charitable campaigns, allowing for a single campaign to be conducted once a year in all federal and military work places.

Last year, there was 55 percent participation out of 70,500 possible participants in the Hawaii-Pacific Area Campaign.

Those 55 percent who contributed gave a total of \$5,305,279, with an average donation of \$134.83.

All military and federal employees are asked to continue in the spirit of giving and to share their good fortune, not only with those who are less fortunate but also with organizations that support us in our lives.

“I always give to children’s charities within the United States,” said Coast Guard Petty Officer 1st Class Kelly L. Merchen, when asked why she donates to CFC. “I love to be able to help those less fortunate.”

Military and federal employees may donate from a list of more than 1,400 local, national and international charities. These charities include the Boys and Girls Clubs, YMCAs, YWCAs, Goodwill, the United Way, medical research organizations, the Salvation Army, the Red Cross, and many more worthwhile organizations.

All should consider reaching out and touching the lives of others by contributing in this year’s CFC drive.

Your personal commitment and contribution, along with those of others, will demonstrate our solidarity as we stand together as one to help our neighbors.

Why is it that some Marines who joined the Corps with the highest aspirations Fall from honor

Navy Captain
Joseph W. Estabrook
Command Chaplain, MCB Hawaii

Three Marines from 1st Radio Bn. were convicted recently at general courts martial for violating various articles of the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

The first was found guilty of indecent acts and indecent exposure, and another was found guilty of sexual harassment, indecent acts and wrongfully communicating a threat. Both were awarded bad conduct discharges, confinement for three months, forfeiture of all pay and allowances, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

The third Marine — found guilty of sexual harassment, drunk and disorderly, and indecent exposure — was awarded 45 days confinement, forfeiture of \$750 pay per month for six months, and reduction to pay grade E-1.

The behavior of these three men in relation to their federal courts martial convictions not only demonstrates a breakdown of military courtesy and tradition, but also was detrimental to the tenants of basic human dignity.

So, why is it that some Marines who joined the Corps with the highest aspirations fall from honor?

These convicted Marines had met the high standards set forth by the Marine Corps in past endeavors. All three displayed intelligence, military occupational specialty proficiency, and dedication to their duties. Each made individual choices, though, that compromised the highest values of the Corps and jeopardized the good reputation of their fellow Marines.

Incidents like these will scar any organization, and those cuts often run deep. There are no shortcuts to repairing the damage caused by these incidents.

Last month, Lt. Col. Darrell Rector, commanding officer of 1st Radio Bn., launched an effort that combines two ongoing programs and one new opportunity offered here at MCB Hawaii, in order to reinforce the Marines’ understanding and commitment to the Marine Corps’ core values and individual responsibilities.

Rector described the programs: The first is the ongoing Marine Corps Martial Arts Program, the second is the continuation of the time-tested Unit Leadership Program, and the third is the new program offered by MCB Hawaii chaplains entitled “DEFUSE” (Dependence Enhancing Freedoms Using Self Empowerment).

“Regretfully, the actions of a few can have a severe, negative impact on the many.”

Navy Captain Joseph W. Estabrook
Command Chaplain, MCB Hawaii

All three programs include the essential ingredients of character formation and responsible decision-making.

“The entire battalion can work its way through the programs in order to stress the need for Marines to rely on each other and hold each other to the highest standards of conduct,” said Rector.

The first leg of this tri-fold training, the Martial Arts Program, combines martial arts skills, close combat training techniques, and core values and leadership training.

“Simply put, it’s everything about being a Marine,” Rector said. “It is imperative that every Marine learns to sharpen these skills, so that they become second nature, instilling confidence, expertise, and instinct.

The second leg of the training is the battalion’s ongoing Leadership Program, redesigned not in a reactive way, but to be proactive to emerging issues confronting Marines today.

The focus is on the leaders — from the noncommissioned officers to the officers in charge — getting out in front, leading by example and creating an environment in which their Marines can address issues, concerns and questions.

The third aspect of the training, DEFUSE, is a one-day experience that hones in on what it means to be a responsible team-member of a Marine Corps unit. The chaplain-facilitator, Lt. Cmdr. Anthony Headrick, describes it as “taking the participants through a series of instruction, multi-media reflections and discussions, to help them uncover factors in one’s background that can be obstacles to good decision making.

“These unknowns can be a set-up for failure unless we get a handle on them,” Headrick said.

Two groups of 30 Marines have been through this training, and it has received rave reviews.

The fact that this training initiative is taking place should not be construed that the Marines of 1st Radio Bn. are not living up to the

high standards of the Marine Corps.

The program is one which all Marine units should consider. It is a program of education and awareness, one that reinforces the Marine Corps’ values in the face of skewed modern values, which can be detrimental to unit integrity and combat readiness.

The men and women of 1st Radio Bn. are among the finest Marines in our Corps. They are good, hard working Marines, often the first to deploy to emerging hot spots throughout areas of responsibility.

Regretfully, the actions of a few can have a severe negative impact on the many.

The recent courts martial show how unchecked behavior, poor choices and bad decisions can undermine unit integrity and unfairly damage the good reputations of hard working and committed Marines.

It is unfair that the actions of a few can put solid, hardworking and up-standing Marines in a position of having to defend themselves.

Why do good Marines fall from honor? Sometimes it’s leadership, and sometimes it is because we do not watch out for those around us.

Sometimes, too, the answer is simply that certain individuals choose self over the unit. They lose control, drink too much, go too far and make bad choices.

At a ceremony honoring prisoners of war and our missing in action this past Sept. 13, Navy Captain Joe Coffee, a famous and revered former POW, began his keynote speech with words that described his pride whenever he had the privilege of serving with Marines.

“I loved serving with Marines,” Coffee said, “because they always lived out, consistently and flawlessly, the values of honor, courage, and commitment. They remember their history and those who went before them.”

He reflected on how their lives of honor and commitment had made the word “Marine” among the most treasured and valued words in the American heart. If nothing else, the three recent convictions are a wake up call to Marines everywhere: Respect is fragile and good reputations can die fast. We must keep our eyes on the high ideals and standards Coffee spoke of.

Core values guide conduct in the Corps

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Honor

Honor requires each Marine to exemplify the ultimate standard in ethical and moral conduct.

Honor is many things; honor requires many things.

A U.S. Marine must never lie, never cheat, never steal, but that is not enough. Much more is required.

Each Marine must cling to an uncompromising code of personal integrity,

accountable for his actions and holding others accountable for theirs.

And, above all, honor mandates that a Marine never sully the reputation of his Corps.

Courage

Simply stated, courage is honor in action — and more.

Courage is moral strength, the will to heed the inner voice of conscience, the will to do what is right, regardless of the conduct of others.

It is mental discipline, an adherence to a higher

standard.

Courage means willingness to take a stand for what is right in spite of adverse consequences.

This courage, throughout the history of the Corps, has sustained Marines during the chaos, perils, and hardships of combat.

And each day, it enables each Marine to look in the mirror — and smile.

Commitment

Total dedication to Corps and Country. All for one, one for all.

By whatever name or cliché, commitment is a combination of selfless determination and a relentless dedication to excellence.

Marines never give up, never give in, and never willingly accept second best. Excellence is always the goal.

And, when their active duty days are over, Marines remain reserve Marines, retired Marines, or Marine veterans. There is no such thing as an ex-Marine or former Marine.

Once a Marine, always a Marine.

Commitment never dies.

WORD ON THE STREET

“Why do Marines fall from honor?”



“I believe some Marines follow the wrong examples and hang out with the wrong crowd.”

Lance Cpl. Kevin C. Wagner

Administrative clerk
Combat Support
Co., 3rd Marines

“A lot of the Marines think they can get away with making poor decisions.”

Cpl. Justin N. Cain

Arabic linguist
1st Radio Bn.



“I think it is because some Marines have poor judgement and make the wrong call.”

1st Lt. Anthony J. Fiacco

S-4 A Logistics
HMH-363

“I would say the majority of the problem is poor judgement.”

Sgt. Adrian F. Segobia

Data
communications
technician
1st Radio Bn.



“A lot of the problems are alcohol related. Some Marines are careless when they drink.”

Cpl. James C. Faraci

Squad leader
Charlie Co., 1/3

EMBASSIES, From A-1

They control access to sensitive areas of the embassy, safeguard classified information, and provide a last line of internal defense.

O'Dell pointed out that Marine guards

have no authority outside the embassy compound.

“In countries where the Marine house is geographically separated from the embassy, foreign governments forbid Marines to carry weapons between the Marine house and the embassy when re-

acting to an emergency at the embassy compound,” O'Dell said. “Reaction-force Marines access their weapons only after arriving at the chancellery.”

He noted that in any new construction of State Department facilities, the Marine housing unit is part of the embassy com-

pound “in order to mitigate the reaction-force problem.”

Marine guards are divided into eight companies based on geographic location. They provide security for 131 diplomatic missions in 121 countries, O'Dell said. Their ranks have grown to 1,240 today.



Sailors who were attached to the now decommissioned USS Frederick debark one last time after the decommissioning. ceremony Oct. 5.

SHIP, From A-1

Since arriving on Oahu’s shores, the Frederick has conducted bilateral exercises with southeast Asia navies, been on standby to conduct humanitarian assistance and disaster relief missions throughout the Pacific, and assisted Marines at MCB Hawaii during deployments to the “Big Island.”

“The Frederick was the only true amphibious landing ship in Hawaii,” said Maj. Darrell L. Akers, S-4 officer, 3rd Marine Regiment. “It’s the only platform that Hawaii-based III Marine Expeditionary Force units had to perform amphibious operations. It will be sorely missed.”

The lowering of the national ensign and the commissioning pendant marked the decommissioning of the magnificent amphibious landing ship.

Its crew and officers bid their last



Above — Before its decommissioning., Marines from Headquarters Battery, 1st Bn., 12th Marines, and Sailors from the USS Frederick proudly stand on its gunwale. Right — Petty Officer 1st Class Eran Ethier, an interior communications technician also previously assigned to the ship, lowers the National Ensign the night prior, Oct. 4.

farewell, saluted the officer of the day and debarked to their next journey.

“It was the end of an era for the USS Frederick, but yet a new begin-



ning for its many Sailors, and the Navy itself,” added Salvatierra.

The decommissioned ship will stay afloat and help fight the war on drugs with the Mexican Navy.

HELMET, From A-1

Memorial Foundation, the American National Standards Institute, or the Department of Transportation.

Since 1980, all helmets sold for use on the street are required to meet DOT guidelines.

Several versions of fake helmets are available on the market and are sold as “novelty” items, since they do not carry the required DOT certification. A fake helmet, along with a small DOT sticker (also sold as “novelty”

items) does not make an approved helmet. Riders who wear them are not only breaking the federal law and violating the base orders, they are also setting themselves up for serious injury.

Fake helmets, especially the German military-style helmets, have been around almost as long as the government has been certifying helmets. Many riders wear them to thumb their nose at the law; others wear them because they like the image these helmets convey.

Helmets have come a long

way in the past few years, and they are no longer the cumbersome neck exercisers they used to be. Myths regarding helmets have been used for years in objection to motorcycle helmet laws, but the myths have been disproved time and time again.

Helmets do not break necks; they protect the brain from impact. They do not block vision; they help keep eyes protected.

With the amount of information available from traffic safety statistics, a rider is hard pressed to find a logical reason for not

wearing an approved helmet.

Fake helmets are easy to spot. A quick look at the space where the bottom of the helmet meets the side of the head, shows that a fake helmet does not have the nearly one inch impact absorbing liner required by the DOT.

Skull-cap helmets are nothing more than a hard shell, and, depending on the material, may or may not provide protection against the sandpaper-like effect of the asphalt.

Without an impact-absorbing liner, a helmet is little more than

worthless, even in a low-speed accident.

Fake helmets also have flimsy chin straps, and the rivets holding the strap to the helmet are usually weak too.

All riders should check their helmets and make sure they measure up to the DOT (or other agency) standards.

The new base order, released Sept. 16, specifies other required safety gear and annual refresher training for all riders. It also announced the formation of the MCB Hawaii Motorcycle Club.

The next CMC



Lance Cpl. John P. Goss

Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. James Jones (left) and Lt. Gen. Michael Hagee (right) join Senator John Warner (R-Va.) at confirmation hearings for Lt. Gen. Hagee to be the next commandant.

A salute at Patrol Squadron 4

Commander Tyrone Payton, commanding officer of Patrol Squadron 4, meritoriously promoted Seaman Karen Tower to the rank of Petty Officer 3rd Class during a recent ceremony in Hangar 104. Tower was also selected for the Command Advancement Program for her outstanding performance as the Operations yeoman, a billet usually reserved for a second class petty officer. She was awarded the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal for her performance during the unit's deployment in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.



Photo courtesy of VP-4